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In re Application of: )  
KIYOFUMI SAKAGUCHI, ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/687,743 )  
Filed: October 20, 2003 )  
For: THIN-FILM SEMICONDUCTOR )  
DEVICE AND METHOD OF )  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are not enclosed pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,682,963
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,757,456
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,627,487
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,455,398
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,500,731
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 6,602,761
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 6,677,183
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,682,990


The above documents were cited during the prosecution of co-pending U.S. Applications Nos. 10/059,171 and 10/059,144, which were made of record in the

Information Disclosure Statement dated October 17, 2003. Specifically, documents (1) to (3) were cited in an Office Action dated March 10, 2004 in U.S. Application No. 10/059,171, and documents (4) to (8) were cited in an Office Action dated March 1, 2004 in U.S. Application No. 10/059,144.

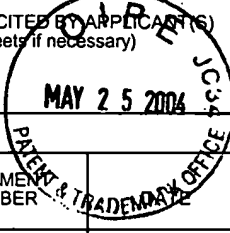
Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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		6,682,963	01/27/04	Ishikawa	438	149	
		5,757,456	05/26/98	Yamazaki, et al.	349	151	
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